

**THE VIAVI FRAUD ONCE MORE.**

One of the leading Eastern weeklies has started a series of articles on patent medicine and allied frauds and in a recent issue refers most indelicately to those distinguished citizens of San Francisco, the Law brothers, and their fake and fraudulent stuff, "Viavi." The publication mentioned was so shameless as to place these multimillionaire citizens and directors of banks and Y. M. C. A.'s and Hahnemann hospitals and things, in the same class with the scum of male humanity that lives on the prostitute's earnings—as panderers of a different sort and higher social stratum. How positively shocking!

**HEARING ON MEDICAL BILLS.**

The following is a long-hand report of the proceedings at a public meeting held by the Assembly Committee upon Medical and Dental Laws in the Assembly Chamber January 28th, 8 p. m. There appeared before the committee as proponents of Assembly Bill No. 593, Drs. Daniels, E. Merrill and H. W. Forbes. This bill provides for amendment of the present Medical Act by striking out the words "approved by the board" in Sections 9 and 10 and by inserting in Section 1, a clause: "No more than three members of the board shall be of one school of practice"; this amendment also does away with college year of physics, biology and chemistry. The other provisions of 593 were not particularly dwelled upon. Dr. Daniels said in part: "The present board is unfair, (1) because in a letter, Dr. Alderson, the president of the board, has stated there is no definite rule for action by the board in approving medical schools; (2) because before the June, 1914, examination three graduates of the Los Angeles College of Osteopathy took the physicians' and surgeons' examination and two passed. After the June examination, when it was possible for the board to find out which applicants were osteopaths and which were not, only fifteen out of fifty-five passed, and upon one occasion a "regular" failed all but one out of twenty-eight. The present course of instruction in osteopathic schools complies with the law and unless relief is given this intolerable unfairness, the largest medical college west of Chicago will be compelled to close its doors.

The only cause for refusing recognition of this school was that "Pharmacology was not taught sympathetically." A portion of E. Merrill's remarks are as follows: We want the first year of the college grade removed from the preliminary requirements for the following reasons: physics is not necessary, chemistry and biology are at present taught exhaustively in the present schools. These subjects are put in the law for unfair reasons, namely, the A. M. A. wants to limit the number of doctors, because there is at present too much competition. That is an insult to you and me, because it prescribes the sort of doctors that you have to employ. Seventy-three per cent. of the children go through grammar school, five per cent. go through high school and one per cent. through the university. The poor boy has no chance to become a doctor unless it is made attainable. Two-thirds of the doctors who are before you asking for a higher standard for graduates, graduated from a school not as good as these osteopathic schools. Dr. Forbes, president of the College of Osteopathy: In 1907 conjoint was formed and all graduates of all schools admitted. In June, 1914, for a perfunctory examination graduates of osteopathic schools were denied

the right of taking the examination. These schools give 5,000 hours work. I wrote Dr. Alderson what his requirements were, he replied honestly that the board had no definite rules to guide it, therefore we want to substitute for the words "approved by the board" the clause: "That the board must receive for examination all graduates who appear and have graduated from a school which gave the course called for by law." Up to this time the high school graduation has been a requirement for admission to the schools. We object to the year of chemistry, biology and physics, because it is higher than the A. M. A. We do not ask to reduce the number of hours below 4,800. The Board of Medical Examiners are going to ask to reduce it to 4,000. We do not wish to lower the standard, but we wish to have a definite yardstick to relieve ourselves of the caprices of the Board of Medical Examiners.

The above remarks are printed without comment, for they seem to be self-explanatory; the osteopath is no longer desirous of being merely an "Osteopath"—he wishes to be, also, a physician and surgeon. Of course the "Medical Trust" is persecuting him, for its own base ends!

**PLENTY OF GOOD WATER.**

It is absolutely essential to the life of a city that it shall have an ample supply of pure water. Los Angeles recognized that fact long ago and spent many millions on the project of bringing an abundant water supply over mountain and desert into its homes. San Francisco has been talking a great deal about a municipal water supply and some small-minded agitators have delayed all action for years. At last something definite in the way of an agreement has been secured, as set forth in the following communication, and certainly physicians should realize more fully than other citizens, and should therefore make it their duty to explain the importance of the matter to them, that a bigger and better water supply is vitally essential to the life and growth of San Francisco.

"Mayor Rolph and the Advisory Water Committee have decided that the question of the purchase of the Spring Valley Water Company shall be voted on by the people in the latter part of April next. San Francisco has been pinched for a number of years owing to a lack of water. According to government figures the three cities across the bay have grown at the rate of 5 per cent. per year while San Francisco has grown at the rate of but 1.9 per cent per year. The lack of water in the outlying districts is held to be largely responsible for this condition. Doctors and members of the medical profession are as much interested in the growth of the city, and more particularly in an abundant supply of good water, as almost any other class. Spring Valley and the city have come together on a purchase price of \$34,500,000.00. After an expenditure of over \$100,000.00 by the city in making an appraisal of these properties, the city's advisers have decided that it would be better to purchase at this figure than attempt to get it for any less through court proceedings."